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ALMOST FAMOUS FILM FESTIVAL



Recap - 48 Hour Challenge - 2009

The 5th Annual 48 Hour Short Film Challenge got off to a rousing start with over 175 filmmakers, actors and actresses attending the official revealing of the 2009 Guidelines at the Clarendon Hotel. Fifty-two teams of filmmakers from Arizona, Southern California and Las Vegas participated in the challenge with 48 teams making the deadline.

"This is was one of the best collections of talent so far," said Jae Staats, A3F Director and Founder. "Being our 5th year, I think the filmmakers really tried their best to create memorable movies and they certainly succeeded in doing so!"

This year's guidelines directed teams to base their films on the Theme, **A Significant Loss**, a Line of Dialogue, **"This changes everything."** and a **Backpack** as the prop where one or more characters had to either open or close a backpack. The filmmakers were wildly imaginative in writing a script for their 1-5 minute shorts.

"We had a boxer with paranormal visions, a husband seeking revenge for the death of his wife, an intervention for a guy with an iPhone addiction and even an entire movie based on the game of Monopoly," explained Jason Francois, a judge and Assistant A3F Director. "The scripts just seem to get more creative and better with each challenge."

The Top 20 Public Screening on March 5 sold-out in just 3 days with 463 people cheering on the filmmakers, cast and crew members. With heart-wrenching dramas and uproarious comedies playing to the delight of the audience, the night was an overwhelming success!



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"I've been in a few 48 hour film challenges and the A3F stands out as the best so far in terms of **quality and creativity!**" -- Angel Ruiz

"That was truly a **splendid presentation** yesterday at the AMC. I applaud you for your **work!**" -- Terry



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